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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/040,491
Docket No.: No.50
Our Reference: ORI.052

Dear Examiner Prunner:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 5, 2004, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard

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Examiner: Kathleen J. Prunner

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 6-7, 10, 15-17 and 19-30 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 10, 21, and 25 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, 21, and 25 are independent.